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IN HONOR OF BÙI BÌNH BÂN

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Bui Binh Ban, a well-respected leader who has made significant impacts on the Vietnamese community in Orange County, California.

Mr. Bui Binh Ban was born in 1937, in Nam Dinh, Vietnam. In 1954, he migrated to the South of Vietnam and continued his higher education. In 1958, he graduated and became an agricultural engineering professor training many engineers and officers in the field of agriculture in the South of Vietnam.

Mr. Bui left Vietnam and settled in Southern California where he dedicated his life to the Vietnamese community here. He served as the President of the Vietnamese American Federation Association of Southern California for two consecutive terms (1994 to 1998). In 2002, he established the Federation of Overseas Free Vietnamese Communities Television, FreeVN.Net, to livestream Vietnamese community events without accepting any compensation, advertisement or staff offers. His recordings are particularly valuable to not only the Vietnamese community, but other Vietnamese media. In 2010, he became the Advisor for the Institute of Vietnamese Studies and has been in this position until today.

Mr. Bui has lived blissfully for 81 years. His passing is a tremendous loss to the Vietnamese community in Orange County. In memory of his passing, I'd like to take this moment to recognize his contributions, dedication, and continuous efforts in preserving and developing the Vietnamese history, culture, activities, and most importantly, community in Orange County. He will always be remembered as a kind, devoted, and prominent Vietnamese community leader.

HONORING TODD HIDAY

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Todd Hiday for his contribution to our state and Henry County.

Todd has served two stints as the County Chairman in Henry County. His leadership and vision have helped advance Republican principles and make the County a better place. He is also someone I could count on for honest and candid advice. Our state is better off today because of Todd's extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Todd was among my earliest and most vocal supporters. He is a loyal friend and wise adviser. I want to thank him for his friendship and support of my work in Congress and wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

HONORING DOWELL TAYLOR

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Dowell Taylor for his recent induction into the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation.

Mr. Taylor is a native of Jackson, Mississippi. He is a graduate of Callaway High School and Jackson State University (JSU) where he received a Bachelor's in Music Education, as well as a Master's in Music Education. During his undergraduate years, he arranged over 100 band selections including JSU's current theme song, "Get Ready," an old Motown favorite. Mr. Taylor decided to further his study by enrolling in the Doctor of Musical Arts program in Wind Conducting at the University of Cincinnati's College Conservatory of Music. He then went on to receive a certification in Music Technology from the Technology Institute for Music Educators.

In 1975, he received the highest achievement of a JSU bandsman, the "Best All Around Bandsman" award. Mr. Taylor has served as Director of Bands at both Mary Holmes, Jr. College and Kentucky State University—where he also served as department chair. From 1984 to 1992, he served as Director of Music Technology and the Director of Bands of one of the most entertaining programs in HBCU history, the "Sonic Boom of the South."

In 2009, he developed the Music Technology degree program for undergraduate students at Jackson State University, accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music, and in 2010, he was honored by the Mississippi Jazz Foundation. Mr. Taylor's Jazz Quartet received the Jazz Group of the Year Award from the Jackson Music Award, Inc.

After 31 years of service, he retired from Jackson State University in June of 2015. But, that did not stop him from coming back in September of 2017 to serve as Interim Director of Bands, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Music Technology at Jackson State University.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Dowell Taylor on his induction into the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation along with his years of dedicated leadership and servanthood to the art and craft of music.

HONORING STEVE AUSTIN

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Steve Austin for his contribution to our state and country.

I first met Steve while we were working for former Congressman David McIntosh in the 1990s. We've been friends ever since. He is an incredible leader and has gone on to have a remarkable career at Red Gold in Elwood. His advocacy work has made a tremendous difference, and our state is better off today because of his service.

I would like to thank him for his advice and support over all these years. Without a doubt, Steve has been among my earliest and most vocal supporters in Delaware County. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for his future.

RAISING AWARENESS TO
ALZHEIMER'S

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the heavy toll that Alzheimer's exacts on those who are unfortunate enough to suffer from the disease, the impacts to their family and loved ones, and to the American people. This devastating disease greatly erodes the sufferers' standard of living, strains their finances, and can place an enormous burden on those who care for them. However, despite these troubling realities, it is my hope that through raising awareness and increasing research funding we can lower the number of Americans that suffer with this disease and prevent its dire consequences.

The most common form of Dementia in America is Alzheimer's. There are about 5.7 million Americans living with the disease and 110,000 in Georgia alone, age 65 and older. Far from being a disease limited to the elderly though, approximately 200,000 Americans younger than age 65 are living with younger onset Alzheimer's (also known as early-onset). But at any age, an Alzheimer's diagnosis is extremely tragic.

As I mentioned, Mr. Speaker, Alzheimer's can also cause severe financial burdens, not only for the patient but for their families and caregivers as well. Currently, 16.1 million Americans are providing unpaid care for people with Alzheimer's or another dementia. These caregivers provided approximately 18.4 billion hours of care last year valued at more than \$232 billion. We here in Congress must do more to support those patients and caregivers.

Mr. Speaker, African American elders are two to three times more likely to have Alzheimer's disease compared with whites and research shows that older Hispanics are about one-and-a-half times as likely as older whites to develop Alzheimer's and other dementias. So it is imperative that we educate these communities on warning signs of the disease, so that they will have a better understanding of the impact of a diagnosis, and are better positioned to seek the opinion of medical experts and to plan and prepare for the future.

Despite the potential for tragic outcomes, there is reason for optimism. We can and should continue to fund Alzheimer's research, and to support patients and caregivers as they seek treatment for this condition. Even though the cause of Alzheimer's is still unclear, the damaging effects it has on people are. So please Mr. Speaker, I ask you and the rest of our colleagues to join me while we raise awareness of this terrible illness, and seek to support those around the country who are touched by it.

HONORING WILL STATOM

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Will Statom for his contribution to our state and country.

Will is a true patriot and someone I could always rely on for on-the-ground political advice. Until his retirement, Will worked tirelessly to advance Republican values and to improve the quality of life for Hoosiers living in Delaware County. Our state is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Will was among my earliest and most vocal supporters. I would like to thank him for his loyal friendship and support of my work in Congress. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him in his retirement.

TERRORISM REMAINS A DEADLY
CHALLENGE WE MUST CONFRONT**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the threat of terrorism remains a deadly challenge for us and our allies around the globe. In the last four years alone, we have seen the ability of terrorist groups—many of which we had thought we had defeated—to evolve and attract thousands of recruits to their violent cause. ISIS, al-Qaeda, Iran, and all their affiliates and proxies are still active and waiting in the shadows for an opportunity to strike again.

Although we have made great progress against these terrorists on the battlefields of Iraq, Syria, Libya, and Afghanistan, our gains remain fragile. Just last week, a report by the Pentagon warned that ISIS fighters have moved underground and are regrouping. We must not become complacent again. We must continue to be vigilant until the ideologies that motivate violent extremism are cast into the dustbin of history.

I applaud the White House's new National Strategy for Counterterrorism. This document drastically changed the U.S. government's perspective on the war on terrorism. It correctly frames the battle in terms of an enduring challenge that must be managed to protect the homeland, instead of a mission that has a beginning and end. It clearly recognizes the broad and diverse challenges we face from terrorism, including Iran's growing network of terrorist proxies and the ability of terrorists to exploit cyberspace.

The strategy prioritizes countering terrorist use of the Internet for radicalization, recruitment, and fundraising. This is a priority I introduced into the State Authorities bill last Congress and I am glad the White House is taking it seriously. The strategy also makes clear that this fight is not America's burden alone. Our international partners play an important role. We can empower them by bolstering their capabilities and increasing cooperation.

That is where the State Department's Counterterrorism Bureau comes in. Created in

1972 in response to the Munich Olympics attack, the Bureau forges partnerships with foreign governments, multilateral organizations, and NGOs to coordinate and advance U.S. counterterrorism objectives that enhance global security as well as our own.

Under that broad mission it has several core responsibilities, including coordinating strategy across the State Department and other agencies, conducting counterterrorism diplomacy, and building capacity of partner nations to address terrorist threats within their own.

Given the enduring threat from terrorism that we and our allies face, it is crucial that CT Bureau does its job effectively and efficiently. It is our job in Congress to ensure that the American taxpayers are getting their money's worth. When we are talking about millions of dollars going towards programs abroad, the people of my district are right to demand how it contributes to their safety and security. This is all the more important given that the Bureau has seen significant funding cuts over recent years. With limited resources every penny must be spent wisely.

For example, the State Department's Inspector General filed a report last year that found much of the antiterrorism assistance we had been given to Pakistan was not being used, including dozens of courses not implemented. I am pleased to hear the Bureau has since repurposed many of the resources that had been sent to Pakistan to other more worthwhile programs. We cannot afford to throw good money after bad. Effective monitoring and evaluation programs are crucial to spotting what is not working and making changes that do.

For instance, we need assurances that the programming initiated and implemented by CT Bureau to prevent radicalization actually works. Is the Bureau still in the business of "countering violent extremism" (CVE)? If so, has the Bureau developed any mechanisms to prove that such programming works?

I appreciated the strong comments against Iranian-backed terrorism by the State Department's Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Ambassador Nathan Sales, which were at the Washington Institute on November 13. I am eager to see our government go one step further than just designating the IRGC for terrorist activity. If we mean business, we must go after the Iran's terrorist proxies in Iraq and Syria.

I applaud Treasury's designations of four Hezbollah-affiliated terrorists in Iraq. Now the State Department must follow suit and finally designate groups like Asa'ib Ahl al-Haq and Harakat Hezbollah al-Nujaba for what they are: foreign terrorist organizations. At the very least, their affiliation with the IRGC should be enough to meet the criteria for designation.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING STATE SENATOR JEFF
RAATZ**HON. LUKE MESSER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize State Senator Jeff Raatz for his contribution to our state.

Jeff represents Randolph, Wayne, Union, Dearborn, Franklin and Fayette counties in the Indiana State Senate. He continues to be a strong advocate on a wide variety of important issues, including education, workforce, and the state's budget. It was a pleasure to work with him and our state is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Jeff is a loyal friend, wise adviser, and friend in faith. I want to thank Jeff for his friendship and support of my work in Congress. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

RECOGNIZING COL. CHARLIE
JONES ON HIS RETIREMENT**HON. BRADLEY BYRNE**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a true public servant, Colonel Charles "Charlie" Jones, on his retirement as Chief Deputy of the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office (BCSO). Throughout his career, Col. Jones displayed a deep devotion to Baldwin County and exceptional leadership. He has had an immeasurable impact on the lives of countless members of our community.

Col. Jones began his career in uniform in 1980 as a volunteer for the Fairhope Police Department. This attitude of selfless service has been the theme of his entire career as a first responder in Southwest Alabama. In 1981, Col. Jones became a patrol officer with the Fairhope Police, and then in 1983 he transitioned to the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office.

In the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office, Col. Jones proved himself as an outstanding officer in the Narcotics Division, quickly working his way up the ranks to be a Lieutenant in the Narcotics Division by 1991. Just seven years later, he was promoted once again to Captain in the Patrol Division, as well as the commander of the ERT (SWAT) teams. Since 2007, Col. Jones has served as the Chief Deputy, a testament to his leadership and incredible ability as a law enforcement officer.

Col. Jones has worked under three sheriffs of Baldwin County throughout his career and has received several awards and acknowledgments throughout his tenure with the BCSO. He was awarded Best Participant and the Officer Survival Training Award at the South West Alabama Police Academy; Officer of the Year by the Perdido Bay Optimist Club; and recognized twice by U.S. Customs Service for Outstanding Contributions to their operations. Perhaps chief among his accomplishments is that he organized the most progressive and longest serving Multi-Jurisdictional Narcotics Task Force in Southwest Alabama.

He also serves on the Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Initiative Board of Directors, the 911 Board, is a member of the National Sheriffs Association and the Alabama Narcotics Association, and previously served on the Board of Directors for the Spanish Fort Fire Rescue.

As he enters the next chapter of his life, I wish Charlie, his wife Debbie, children and grandchildren all the best as they get to enjoy more time with each other. I know that in this